On Quilon-Tenkasi (101 kms) section, State Government has handed over the land for Quilon-Punalur (45 kms) section. However, land owners are obstructing the work. Quilon-Punalur is likely to be completed during 2006-07.

For Sengottai-Tankasi (8 kms) section, land acquisition is under process by the State Government.

Accidents Due to Failure of Railway Staff

2071. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2723 given in Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 2005 and state:

(a) the category-wise number of employees responsible for accidents due to failure of Railways staff during 2001-02 to 2005-06;

(b) the number of loco running staff during 2000-01 to 2004-05, year-wise; and

(c) the loco running staff and train ratio as on 31st March, 1990 and 31st March, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Details of consequential train accidents on account of failure of Railway Staff during the year from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 are as under:—

Sl.No.	Number of Consequential train accidents due to failure of	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06* April-Feb
1.	Traffic Staff	17	12	10	11	9
2.	Mechanical Staff	64	37	41	30	30
3.	Engineering Staff	55	63	53	33	51
4.	Electrical Staff	14	8	6	6	14
5.	Signaling Staff	5	3	5	2	3
6.	Combination of Staff	93	63	46	37	12
	TOTAL:	248	186	161	119	119

*Figures are provisional

There can be more than one staff responsible in a single accident.

Number of employees directly or indirectly responsible for the accidents taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules during the year 2001-02 to 2005-06 are as under:—

Year	No. of staff taken up
2001-02	557
2002-03	401
2003-04	440
2004-05	413
2005-06 (upto December, 2005)	244

(b) Total number of running staff during 2000-2001 to 2004-05 is as under:—

Year	No. of staff taken up
2000-01	84,671
2001-02	83,844
2002-03	84,631
2003-04	83,348
2004-05	86,598

(c) Loco running staff and train ratio is not a standarized selected index to convey anything meaningful and hence not compiled by the Railways.

Ongoing Doubling Works in Kerala

2072. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing railway line doubling works in the State of Kerala;

(b) whether there is any time-frame set for the completion of these works particularly that of the Kayamkulam-Ernakulam-Kottayam-Alapuzha lines;

(c) whether the progress of work is hampered by the lack of adequate funds; and